□THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) 4827.

(b) The number appointed through direct recruitment is 705 and the number appointed through seniority quota is 2046.

(c) Most of the remaining posts were filled by ad-hoc promotion of Upper Division Clerks.

Posts of Special Secretaries

503. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of posts of Special Secretaries presently in Government of India ;

(b) the reasons for creation of new posts of Special Secretaries ;

(c) whether there is any proposal to create more posts of Special Secretaries ; and

(d) if so, how many more are likely to be created ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Thirteen officers are at present working as Special Secretaries to the Government of India.

(b) to (d) There is no proposal to create additional posts of Special Secretaries.

Public Holidays Affecting Work Culture

504. SHRI BISHAMBER NATH PANDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of public holidays are increasing under public pressure, affecting work culture and productivity in Government offices ;

(b) if so, how many public holidays have been increased during the last ten years ; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take to tone up the administration, their work culture and productivity ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) No, Sir,

(b) During the last 10 years, only once occasion (Prophet Mohammad's birthday) has been added to the list of regular holidays for Central Government Administrative Offices.

(c) Toning up of the Administration is a continuous process and is sought to be achieved through systematic monitoring, periodic reviews, introduction of modern aids and advanced technology.

तदर्थ कर्मचारियों की पदोन्नति

505 श्री कामेश्वर पासवान : क्या प्रधानमंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या माननीय उच्चतम न्यायालय बहुत से निर्णयों में तदर्थ सेवा को, यदि पदधारी तदर्थ सेवा के क्रम में नियमित रहा है, पदोन्नति आदि के लिए गणना करने संबंधी निर्णयों को लागू करने के लिए निदेश जारी करने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और